

Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana

A Division of the



Comprehensive Community Plan

County: Benton

LCC: Coalition for a Drug-Free Benton County

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Plan Summary

Mission Statement: The vision of the Coalition for a Drug Free Benton County is to provide a forum for exchange of information related to tobacco, alcohol and other drugs in Benton County. The Coalition comes together with the common goal of reducing the incidence, prevalence, costs and consequences of alcohol and other drug use and abuse. Success of meeting these goals will improve the quality of life for individuals, families and the Benton county community as a whole.

History: The Coalition for a Drug Free Benton County (hereinafter referred to as the “Coalition”) was established in 1989 under the guidance of the Governor’s Commission for a Drug Free Indiana. The initial Coalition worked hard to provide programs and assistance in addressing the Benton County alcohol and other drug problems. In more recent years, the Coalition wrote a mission statement to memorialize the ideas and dreams of the Coalition. The following is the Mission Statement of the Coalition: The vision of the Coalition for a Drug Free Benton County is to provide a forum for exchange of information related to tobacco, alcohol and other drugs in Benton County. The Coalition comes together with the common goal of reducing the incidence, prevalence, costs and consequences of alcohol and other drug use and abuse. Success of meeting these goals will improve the quality of life for individuals, families and the Benton county community as a whole.

The Coalition is located within Benton County, having a population of 9,189 according to the 2003 census; the target population is predominantly white with 98% of the population represented. There is also a growing 2.6% Hispanic/Latino population within the county. The Department of Health and Human Services defines Benton County as a rural community. It covers a geographic area that consists primarily of farming and some light industrial businesses. Benton County is located in north western Indiana, approximately 120 miles northwest of Indianapolis and 88 miles southeast of Chicago. It is a “bedroom” community to Tippecanoe County, which includes the cities of Lafayette and West Lafayette, the home of Purdue University, and the country’s 16th largest university. Benton County has one school corporation consisting of one high school and four elementary schools, soon to be consolidated. Enrollment in the Benton Community School Corporation for 2005 is 1,978 students.

Residents of Benton County are primarily represented in two types of lifestyles as defined by the Claritas Household PRIZM Groups; Country Families and Rustic Living. Country Families are characterized as married couples with children, white and working in industrial and agricultural employments. They are home owners and owners of mobile homes. Those with a Rustic Living lifestyle are also characterized as married couples living in various remote towns. Elders and married couples share mobile homes and help raise children. Employment features craftsmen, agricultural labor, construction and transportation. In Benton County, 74% of Benton county residents with children reside in

a married couple family household; however the county also has 10% of its residents divorced, a rate which is equal to that of the nation (PREVSTAT, 2004).

The Coalition has taken into account these demographics and other data when addressing the ATOD needs of its community. The planning process for the Coalition's Comprehensive Community Plan consisted of gathering information from various sources and focusing on data at the "neighborhood" level to determine the greatest areas of need. The information was corroborated by multiple planning sessions with individuals representing the various community sectors within Benton County.

The problem statements identified in the Comprehensive Community Plan completed by the Coalition in 2004 remain the same in the Plan Update of 2006. The Coalition has worked actively to address these issues throughout 2005. A Coordinator continues to organize the Coalition's efforts. Bylaws and the use of Conflict of Interest documents continue to guide the function of the Coalition. Meetings are open to everyone interested in the Benton Community and attendance is encouraged. The Coalition also continues to use specified Request for Funds Applications and a specific process to solicit, review, and fund proposals addressing the needs identified in the Plan at least annually. Once a project or services has been funded, the recipients are then required to complete a Project Report midway through the grant cycle and at the end of the grant year for the review by the Coalition. A verbal report is also required to be given to the Coalition by each grantee and attendance requirements have been established.

The Coalition has worked in to be inclusive of the community and utilized its members to address the needs in Benton County. It is allowing Benton County residents to address important issues, ones that may be too large for one group alone. It is working to empower individuals in the community and mobilizing more skills, as it strives to minimize duplication of efforts so that time spent is efficiently addressing Benton County's ATOD issues. As a result, the overall average attendance has nearly doubled in the last year and the Coalition now distributes a monthly newsletter into the community to increase awareness and promote involvement. New partnerships have also been cultivated as the Coalition has come together to address the prevention, treatment, and the judicial/law enforcement needs of its community. The Coalition understands building and strengthening the capacity of its membership will enable Benton County to prevent and reduce substance abuse in its community effectively and for the long term. The 2006 Plan Update reflects this point of view.

Summary of the Comprehensive Community Plan: The Coalition for a Drug-Free Benton County used Strategic Prevention Framework to figure out what the problems are. We were not able to complete the entire process but did gather data and analyzed it to determine the top issues in the county. The whole LCC reviewed data collected and determined what the top issues were. After that, a committee worked on goals and objectives. After that group worked out the objectives and goals, the entire LCC reviewed the Comprehensive Community Plan and voted to approve it. Our problem statements are:

1. Youth are using tobacco, alcohol, prescription drugs, and marijuana at unacceptable rates.
2. Adults in Benton County are using tobacco, cocaine, and marijuana at unacceptable rates.
3. The impaired driving rate in Benton County is higher than we would like it to be.

The Coalition for a Drug-Free Benton County votes on grants in April to fund for the next year. Those programs that meet the objectives of the Comprehensive Community Plan are considered for funding.

Membership List

County LCC Name: Coalition for Drug Free Benton County

Name	Organization	Race	Gender	Category
Gail Lange	Benton Community School Corporation	Caucasian	Female	Education
Allie Fisher	Benton Central Courage Club	Caucasian	Female	Youth
Elva James	Benton County Division of Family & Children	Caucasian	Female	Government
Marci Maris	Benton County Probation	Caucasian	Female	Judiciary
Sherri Moore	Wabash Valley Hospital	Caucasian	Female	Treatment
Phil McBride	Indiana State Police	Caucasian	Male	Law Enforcement
Stephanie Parker		Caucasian	Female	Intervention
Marsha Schluttenhofer	Benton Central After Prom Committee	Caucasian	Female	Parent
Deb Parker	The Compass Teen & Family Life Center	Caucasian	Female	Religion
Janie Petersen	Benton County Tobacco Prevention & Cessation	Caucasian	Female	Prevention
Jennifer Fry	Benton Central Courage Club	Caucasian	Female	Education
Dan Fisher	Fowler	Caucasian	Male	Intervention

	Wesleyan Church/ Celebrate Recovery Program			
Don Munson	Sheriff's Department	Caucasian	Male	Law Enforcement
Don Zickmund	Sheriff's Department	Caucasian	Male	Law Enforcement
Jim Knogge	Otterbein Police Department	Caucasian	Male	Law Enforcement
Sean Swaim	Indiana State Police	Caucasian	Male	Law Enforcement
Dave Reif	Benton Community School Corporation	Caucasian	Male	Education
Destin Haas	Benton Community School Corporation	Caucasian	Male	Education
Melissa Williams	Benton County Probation	Caucasian	Female	Judiciary
Deb Wallpe	Benton Central After Prom	Caucasian	Female	Parent

Problem Identification

Problem Statement #1: Youth are using tobacco, alcohol, prescription drugs, and marijuana at unacceptable rates.

Supportive Data:

- In the TAP/TEG classes at Benton Central 9 TEG (Tobacco Education Program) students & 0 TAP (Tobacco Awareness Program) students (2005–2006) and 3 TEG students & 4 TAP students (2006-2007).
- The Indiana Tobacco Prevention & Cessation Agency reports 21% of high school students smoke and 8% of middle school students smoke. Approximately 3% of middle school and 12% of high school boys in Indiana currently use spit tobacco.
- The Sheriff's Department reported 6 minor consumption arrests in 2006.
- Juvenile Probation reports approximately 25% of all cases are related to alcohol or drug related offenses. The following cases that are open as of April 16, 2007:
 - Possession of paraphernalia – 2
 - Minor Possession of alcohol – 2
 - Possession of a controlled substance – 4
 - Dealing marijuana – 1
 - Dealing in schedule V controlled substance – 1
- The Indiana Prevention Resource Center 2006 survey reveals approximately 44% of 12th graders report monthly tobacco use. Approximately 23% of 12th graders report monthly smokeless tobacco use. Approximately 51% of 12th grades reported monthly use of alcohol. Approximately 24% of 12th graders reported monthly use of marijuana.
- The Partnership for a Drug-Free America reports nearly 1 in 5 teens report abusing prescription medications to get high and 1 in 10 report abusing cough medicine to get high. The LCC feels this is an issue in Benton County as well.

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Objectives:

- **Support the efforts of BC Courage Club.**
- **Provide parent education programs in the community.**
- **Provide funding for prevention/education and treatment programs.**
- **Assist law enforcement with tools needed to identify or address substance abuse related behaviors.**
- **Provide funding for law enforcement to provide interdiction services in the county.**
- **Promote community awareness by providing materials and visibility regarding hazards of tobacco, alcohol, prescription drugs, and marijuana (newsletters, health fairs, county fair, public service announcements, press releases, displays at public buildings).**
- **Promote and support alternative activities funding.**

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Goals:

- **Reduce the use of tobacco, alcohol, prescription drugs, and marijuana as by comparing IPRC survey results.**

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Problem Statement #2: Adults in Benton County are using tobacco, cocaine, and marijuana at unacceptable rates.

Supportive Data:

- The Indiana Tobacco Prevention & Cessation Agency reports approximately 17% of Hoosier adults have tried spit tobacco, and of those adults nearly 22% use these tobacco products every day or some days. 16.1 % of pregnant women in Benton County smoke. The state average is 18.5%. In 2005, approximately 27.3% of adults smoked. Indiana has the second highest smoking rate in the country.
- In 2006, there were 259 drug screens administered. 53.28% revealed a positive result. The number of positive tests was as follows:
 - Cannabis – 104
 - Cocaine – 23
 - Benz. – 13
 - Diluted sample – 11
 - Amphetamine/Meth – 7
 - Opiate – 5
 - Barb. & Eth - 2
- 13 adults receiving Wabash Valley Hospital home base case management services. Out of the 13 - 3 are diagnosed with substance abuse - again substance abuse goes along with mental illness.
- The Sheriff's Department reports the following arrest for 2006:
 - Possession of Controlled Substance (Schedule 1-4) – 1
 - Possession Cocaine – 2
 - Possession Marijuana – 16
 - Maintaining common nuisance – 1
 - Possession Paraphernalia – 3

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Objectives:

- **Provide funding for prevention/education and treatment programs.**
- **Assist law enforcement with tools needed to identify or address substance abuse related behaviors.**
- **Promote community awareness by providing materials and visibility regarding hazards of tobacco, cocaine, and marijuana (newsletters, health fairs, county fair, public service announcements, press releases, displays at public buildings).**
- **Provide funding for law enforcement to provide interdiction services in the county.**

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Goals:

- **Reduce the number of adults using illicit drugs as measured by the number of positive drug screens at probation.**
- **Reduce the number of adults who use tobacco.**

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Problem Statement #3: The impaired driving rate in Benton County is higher than we would like it to be.

Supportive Data:

- The Probation Department reports the following cases currently open:
 - Operating with BAC greater than .08 (D Felony) – 1
 - OWI (Class C Misdemeanor) – 2
 - OVWI endangering a person with prior (D Felony) – 5
 - Operating Vehicle with BAC .15 or more (A misdemeanor) – 3
 - Operating With BAC .08 or greater (C misdemeanor) – 4
 - OWI with prior (D felony) – 1
 - OWI (A misdemeanor) – 9
 - OWI (C misdemeanor) – 1
 - OWI (D felony) – 3
 - OWI endangering a person (A misdemeanor) – 5
 - OWI (C misdemeanor) – 1
 - OWI causing death with prior – 1
 - OWI endangering with prior (D felony) – 9
 - OWI while endangering a person (A misdemeanor) – 22
- The Sheriff's Department reports the following arrest for 2006:
 - OWI (A Misdemeanor Alcohol) – 36
 - OWI (D Felony Prior) – 12
 - OWI (A Misdemeanor Controlled Substance) – 1
- The Indiana Prevention Resource Center 2006 report reveals approximately 29% of 12th graders reported driving under the influence at least once.
- The Indiana Prevention Resource Center 2006 report reveals approximately 39% of 12th graders reported riding with a drunk driver at least once.

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Objectives:

- **Provide funding to law enforcement to enable officers to focus on impaired drivers.**
- **Provide information and education tools to community through local establishments.**
- **Promote community awareness by providing materials and visibility regarding hazards of impaired driving (newsletters, health fairs, county fair, public service announcements, press releases, displays at public buildings).**

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Goals:

- **Reduce the number of impaired drivers.**

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Please attach the County's Fiscal Report for review!

Next Annual Update Due: 4/2008

Next Comprehensive Community Plan Due: 4/2010

Date of Community Consultant Review: 5/29/07

Disclaimer:

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Terms and Conditions:

The information and data provided is presented as factual and accurate. I hereby acknowledge that I can be asked to submit proper documentation regarding the data submitted within the Plan. Failure to do so could result in a "denied approval" by the Commission under IC 5-2-6-16.

The Local Drug Free Communities Fund must be spent according to the goals identified within the plan. I hereby acknowledge that I can be asked to submit proper documentation regarding funds that are collected, allocated, and disbursed within the county. Failure to do so could result in a "denied approval" by the Commission under IC 5-2-6-16.

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Benton County

LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES FUND INFORMATION

- (1) Amount deposited into the drug-free communities fund during the most recent, complete calendar year, per the County Auditor:
- The Benton County Auditor's office deposited **\$13,872.94** into the LCC's Drug-Free Community Fund from fees collected last fiscal year, 2006.
 - **\$0.00** rolled over from unused funds from the previous years.
 - \$13,872.94 total amount available for programs and administrative costs for the upcoming fiscal year.
 - \$2,400.00 allocated for administrative costs leaving \$11,472.00 available for the upcoming year for programming
- (2) Fund allocation by category, including a brief description of the purpose of the grant funding:

APPLICANT/PROJECT & PROGRAM description	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT AWARDED
Prevention/Education		
Benton County Sheriff's Department - K9 education program	\$2,598.00	\$220.00
Benton Central Courage Club - awareness activities throughout the school year	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Compass - after school program	\$2,000.00	\$300.00
Benton Central After Prom - support efforts to keep kids from drinking	\$1,250.00	\$1,000.00
TOTAL(S)	\$7,648.00	\$3,320.00
Treatment/Intervention		
Wabash Valley Hospital - intervention program for teens	\$2,500.00	\$1,250.00
Compass - Celebrate Recovery Program materials	\$2,993.00	\$1,700.00
TOTAL(S)	\$5,493.00	\$2,950.00
Criminal Justice Services		
Benton County Sheriff's Department - K9 unit supplies	\$1,937.00	\$881.00
Indiana State Police - radar purchase	\$3,045.00	\$3,045.00
TOTAL(S)	\$4,982.00	\$3,926.00

- (3) Total amount of dollars allocated with percentages:

CATEGORY	Percentage	DOLLARS APPROVED
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Prevention/Education	26%	\$3,320.00
Treatment/Interdiction	23%	\$2,950.00
Criminal Justice Services	31%	\$3,926.00
Administrative	19%	\$2,400.00
TOTAL(S)	100%	\$12,596.00

(4) Describe the grant process and requirements for the grantees:

The LCC sent out press releases and emails to all involved with LCC to let them know grant applications were available. The LCC asked for applications to be submitted in March. There were only 3 applications submitted so they extended the deadline to April to get additional requests. The LCC reviewed the applications at April LCC meeting and voted on allocations to each applicant.

(5) Provide administrative expenses:

EXPENSE	COST
LCC Coordinator	\$2,400.00
TOTAL	\$2,400.00

(6) Provide amount of any unused dollars from previous years:

(7) Additional Comments:

The LCC set a budget of \$13,000 for the year in February. They put \$3,250 in treatment, criminal justice, and prevention. When they reviewed the grant applications, they did not feel the applicants in the treatment category should receive the full amount requested. The Wabash Valley Hospital application stated they were going to work with Probation but Probation had not been contacted about the program. The LCC felt they would like to give enough money to complete one education session and evaluate how the program goes before fully funding this project. For the Compass grant, the LCC stated that the group never uses all they request so they reduced the allocation to what the group will use in the next year using past years as the guide.